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It is evident from reading the Final Judgment that Microsoft clearly violated the law. It is further apparent to me, that other than enforcing the law by inspection and the TC's given authority, and the proposed \$1billion offer that Microsoft proposed for the nations poorest schools, that little is actually being given up for the many years of overcharging the consumers of the world for their products. Besides, it would further enhance their monopoly, by providing a market that Apple Computers have had a good footing with and an excellent relationship with the many educational institutions it provided with computers and software.

I want to see a stronger punishment handed down by the courts. Microsoft should be fined in the billions, because of the billions they earned using the illegal tactics of monopoly and "extorting" OEMs, ISVs, IHVs, etc.

It was reported that Microsoft CEO Bill Gates was worth \$70 billion, prior to the downturn in the stock market last year. Money that was earned from the way that his company conducted business over the years. The proposed settle offer that Microsoft has made is an embarrassment to the DOJ, the courts, and the many plaintiffs, that have waited for so long now for a settlement to be made.

Although I would like to see the company split into at least two entities; one that would be the Windows Operating System and the other one the Office Suite and other software products developed by Microsoft. And it should be stipulated in the Final Judgment that this entity would be subjected to the same limitations as those mentioned in the current Final Judgment as to what and when they can have access to, in regards to APIs and source code relative to their ability to develop applications and hardware drivers for use under the Windows Operating System.

In addition, Microsoft should be made to pay fines or restitution to the many software developers, that were unfairly denied the ability to compete with Windows and other Microsoft products. Perhaps an amount that is calculated as the market share other vendors could realistically have earned, had Microsoft played on an even field.

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